

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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LTBB LEASED SMALL BOAT PROGRAM POLICY

Via the funding received from the 2000 Consent Decree the Natural Resource Commission desires to provide eligible Little Traverse Bay Band Of Odawa Indians tribal members with the opportunity to gain commercial fishing experience through the leasing and use of small commercial fishing boats and associated support gear.

1. The small commercial boats and associated support gear shall be leased to eligible tribal members on first come first serve basis. The Natural Resource Department will maintain an accurate and up to date list. Should a tribal member refuse a boat yet remain interested his name shall be moved to the bottom of the list. Other wise they shall be completely removed from the list.
2. Eligible tribal members will be offered the use of a small commercial boat for one year. Upon the completion of that year should the tribal member have successfully met the conditions of the lease and wishes to continue commercially fishing he/she may apply for a grant from the *LTBB Commercial Fisherman Small Grant Program* to secure and purchase his/her own boat and associated gear. However, the tribal member will no longer be able to participate in the *LTBB Lease Small Boat Program* unless there are no new interested parties who wish to participate in which case former participants may reapply.
3. Eligibility:
 - a) Must be a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Member.
 - b) Must not be currently participating in one of the Tribe's trap net operations.
 - c) Must have valid LTBB Commercial Captains License.
 - d) Must not be currently incarcerated.
 - e) Must possess a valid drivers license
4. The LTBB fisher shall sign a properly executed Small Boat Lease (distribution) Agreement for the LTBB Commercial Small Boat Funding Project Via The 2000 Consent Decree Funds before taking possession of the boat and associated support gear.

5. The LTBB fisher must abide and comply with all the terms and conditions of the afore mentioned lease agreement.
6. The LTBB fisher must abide and comply with the *LTBB Lease Watercraft Use Policy*.
7. The LTBB fisher must abide and comply with the *LTBB Dock and Access Site Policies*.
8. The leased boat and associated support gear shall remain the property of LTBB. However, the LTBB fisher shall be financially responsible for all gear provided should it become lost, stolen or damaged.
9. Should the LTBB fisher become incarcerated during the term of the lease the lease may be terminated.
10. Should it be determined that the fisher is not properly maintaining or is abusing the said boat or associated equipment the lease will be terminated.
11. All interested LTBB fishers should contact the LTBB Natural Resource Department for information or to be placed on the eligibility list.